

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST JAMES LICAVOLI ALIAS JACK WHITE FOR CONTEMPT OF THE SENATE

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Mr. KEFAUVER, from the Special Committee To Investigate Organized
Crime in Interstate Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. Res. 68]

The Special Committee to Investigate Organized Crime in Interstate Commerce as created and authorized by the United States Senate by Senate Resolution 202, Eighty-first Congress, second session, caused to be issued a subpoena to James Licavoli alias Jack White of Cleveland, Ohio. The said subpoena directed James Licavoli to be and appear before the said committee forthwith, at room 532, Federal Building, Cleveland, Ohio, then and there to testify touching matters of inquiry committee to said committee and not to depart without leave of said committee. The date of issuance of the subpoena was the 15th day of December, 1950. Attendance pursuant to said subpoena was had on January 19, 1951, at which time the witness appeared. The subpoena served upon said James Licavoli is set forth as follows:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

To JAMES LICAVOLI, 1953 East One Hundred and Twenty-first Street. Cleveland,
Ohio, Greeting:

Pursuant to lawful authority, you are hereby commanded to appear before the Special Committee to Investigate Organized Crime in Interstate Commerce of the Senate of the United States, on forthwith, 1950, at their committee room 532, Federal Building, Cleveland, Ohio, then and there to testify what you may know relative to the subject matters under consideration by said committee. And bring with you such documents, papers, records, books of account, or any other book or paper relating to the financial or business activities of yourself with John Licavoli and the Ferrar Brothers in the numbers and slot-machine business, or of any dealings in business or financially that you or any member of your family has had with the above-named persons for the period 1945 to date.

Hereof fail not, as you will answer your default under the pains and penalties in such cases made and provided.

To United States Marshal, by Norman Black, Deputy, to serve and return.

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Given under my hand, by order of the Committee, this 15th day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty.

ESTES KEFAUVER,
*Chairman, Senate Committee To Investigate
Organized Crime in Interstate Commerce.*

The said subpoena was duly served as appears by the return made thereon by Norman Black, who was duly authorized to serve the said subpoena. The return of the service by the said Norman Black, being endorsed thereon is set forth as follows:

DECEMBER 15, 1950.

I made service of the within subpoena by handing to James Licavoli, the within-named personally at his usual place of residence 1953 East One Hundred and Twenty-first Street (A. K. A. Colman Rd.), Cleveland, Ohio, at 10:25 o'clock a. m., on the 15th day of December 1950.

JOHN J. WEIN,
United States Marshal.
NORMAN BLACK,
Deputy.

The said James Licavoli pursuant to said subpoena and in compliance therewith appeared before the said committee to give such testimony as required by virtue of Senate Resolution 202, Eighty-first Congress, second session. James Licavoli having appeared as a witness and having been asked questions, which questions were pertinent to the subject matter under inquiry, made answers as appeared in the records of the hearing on January 19, 1951, at United States courtroom 312, Federal Building, Cleveland, Ohio, which record is annexed hereto and made a part hereof and designated "Annex I."

As a result of said James Licavoli's refusal to answer the questions pursuant to the said inquiry, as appears in the record annexed, consisting of pertinent excerpts from the testimony of that day, the committee was prevented from receiving testimony and evidence concerning the matter committed to said committee in accordance with the terms of said subpoena served upon this witness.

The committee was therefore deprived of answers to questions pursuant to the committee's inquiry propounded to James Licavoli pertinent to the subject matter which under Senate Resolution 202, Eighty-first Congress, second session, the said committee was instructed to investigate, and the refusal of the witness to answer questions as set forth in annex I, is a violation of the subpoena under which the witness was directed to appear and answer pertinent questions to the subject under inquiry, and his persistent and illegal refusal to answer the aforesaid questions deprived the committee of necessary and pertinent testimony and places this witness in contempt of the United States Senate.

The subcommittee hearing at which said witness refused to answer said questions was duly authorized by a resolution of the said committee, as set forth below:

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ORGANIZED CRIME IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE

MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING, JANUARY 3, 1951

The committee held an executive session. There were present Senators Kefauver, Wiley, and Hunt.

It was duly resolved on motion made by Senator Hunt and seconded by Senator Wiley that the chairman be and hereby is authorized at his discretion to appoint one or more subcommittees of one or more Senators, of whom one member shall

be a quorum for the purpose of taking testimony and all other committee acts, to hold hearings at such time and places as the chairman might designate in furtherance of the committee's investigations of organized crime in the vicinities of the cities of Cleveland, Ohio, and Detroit, Mich.

ESTES KEFAUVER, *Chairman.*

ALEXANDER WILEY.

LESTER C. HUNT.

In accordance with the resolution of January 3, 1951, the chairman designated himself as a subcommittee of one to swear witnesses and to hear testimony at Cleveland, Ohio, on January 17 through 19, 1951.

After reviewing the testimony and other facts as set forth herein, the committee adopted a resolution, as set forth below:

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ORGANIZED CRIME IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE

MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 29, 1951

The committee met at 3 p. m., in the Senate district room, United States Capitol. There were present the chairman and Senators O'Connor, Hunt, Tobey, and Wiley. The chairman presented to the committee the minutes of the committee meeting of January 19, 1951, together with a resolution made on January 3, 1951. The chairman stated to the committee that the chairman had designated a subcommittee to hear continued testimony in connection with organized crime in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, pursuant to the resolution of January 3, 1951, the subcommittee consisting of the chairman.

The chairman then presented to the committee the minutes of said subcommittee meeting of January 19, 1951, held in courtroom 312, Federal Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

The chairman stated to the committee that the witness, James Licavoli repeatedly, consistently, and arbitrarily had refused to answer questions put to him throughout counsel and chairman's examination of said witness on January 19, 1951, and that his refusal therefore was improper and contemptuous.

The chairman presented to the committee a draft report on the entire matter for the committee's consideration and the committee duly adopted the said report and instructed the chairman to present said report to the United States Senate.

Therefore, upon motion of Senator O'Connor, duly seconded by Senator Wiley, it was duly resolved that the committee present to the United States Senate, for its immediate action, a resolution requiring the United States attorney for the northern district of Ohio to proceed against the said James Licavoli in the manner and form provided by law.

ANNEX I

INVESTIGATION OF ORGANIZED CRIME IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE

UNITED STATES SENATE,
SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE
ORGANIZED CRIME IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE.

Cleveland, Ohio, Friday, January 19, 1951:

The committee met, pursuant to adjournment, at 9:45 a. m., in room 318, Federal Building, Senator Estes Kefauver (chairman) presiding.

Present: Senator Kefauver.

Also present: Rudolph Halley, chief counsel; Joseph L. Nellis, assistant counsel; George S. Robinson, associate counsel; John McCormick, investigator.

THE CHAIRMAN. Mr. Licavoli, will you come over here?

Do you solemnly swear the testimony you will give this committee will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

MR. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN. Now, counselor, what is your name, sir?

MR. LAPOLLA. D. J. LaPolla, L-a-P-o-l-l-a.

THE CHAIRMAN. Where are you an attorney at law?

MR. LAPOLLA. Warren, Ohio.

THE CHAIRMAN. Mr. Licavoli, what is your address?

MR. LICAVOLI. 1953 East One Hundred and Twenty-first Street.

THE CHAIRMAN. 1953 what?

- Mr. LICAVOLI. East One Hundred and Twenty-first.
 The CHAIRMAN. East a hundred and—
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Twenty-first.
 The CHAIRMAN. Warren, Ohio?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No; Cleveland.
 The CHAIRMAN. Cleveland, Ohio?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Cleveland is my residence.
 The CHAIRMAN. Cleveland.
 All right, Mr. Nellis, let's get to it.
 Mr. NELLIS. Mr. Licavoli, have you ever been arrested?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. How many times?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I don't know. Many times.
 Mr. NELLIS. Five? Ten?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I don't know; maybe 10, 20. I don't know.
 Mr. NELLIS. It was at least 20; wasn't it?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Maybe more.
 Mr. NELLIS. Did you ever go to jail?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. What crime?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. 1945 I went to jail.
 Mr. NELLIS. What crime?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Extortion.
 Mr. NELLIS. Extortion?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. What were the facts of that, briefly? What were you convicted of? Who were you convicted of extorting something from?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. That's in Toledo. I don't know. I "copped" a plea on extortion.
 Mr. NELLIS. You did what?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I just "copped" a plea on extortion.
 Mr. NELLIS. And you went to jail from—
 Mr. LICAVOLI. From one to five.
 Mr. NELLIS. One to five years; is that right? Were you paroled?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. What time was that?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. In 1946.
 Mr. NELLIS. Who was your sponsor for that parole?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Father McBride and I think Thompson was.
 Mr. NELLIS. Who is Thompson?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. A contractor.
 Mr. NELLIS. Is he Forest Thompson, of 631 Guardian Building?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I don't know. I think it is him.
 Mr. NELLIS. From Cleveland, Ohio?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. Are you related to Pete Licavoli?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. First cousin.
 Mr. NELLIS. Are you related to Thomas Licavoli, also known as Yonnie?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes; first cousin.
 Mr. NELLIS. Where is he?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. He is up in Columbus.
 Mr. LAPOLLA. I object. That's not pertinent to this cause here.
 The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Counselor, I think it is, so your objection will be overruled.
 Mr. NELLIS. You are related to Thomas?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. First cousin; is that right?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes.
 Mr. NELLIS. Do you have any sisters?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Four sisters.
 Mr. NELLIS. Will you give us their names, please?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Grace, Phyllis, Lena, and Anne.
 Mr. NELLIS. Grace is married to Frank Cammerata; is that right?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir. She is a cousin of mine.
 Mr. NELLIS. She is a cousin of yours?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes.
 The CHAIRMAN. Wait a minute, now. That is not clear.
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Grace is related. That's Pete's sister.
 Mr. NELLIS. Pete's sister and she is a first cousin of yours; is that right?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. First cousin.

Mr. NELLIS. The other sister Grace is married to whom?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. She lives in St. Louis.
 Mr. NELLIS. Who is she married to?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. LeGrasso.
 Mr. NELLIS. Pardon me?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. LeGrasso.
 Mr. NELLIS. You mentioned another sister. Rosalyn?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Phyllis. Phyllis Rollo.
 Mr. NELLIS. What is her name?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Rollo.
 Mr. NELLIS. Where does she live?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. St. Louis.
 Mr. NELLIS. Another sister?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Lena. She is Barberodo.
 Mr. NELLIS. She is married to Barberodo?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. In St. Louis.
 Mr. NELLIS. Do you have a sister named Rosalyn?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Anne McDonald.
 Mr. NELLIS. Pardon me?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. McDonald. She is under the marriage by McDonald.
 Mr. NELLIS. Who is she married to?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. McDonald. St. Louis, too.
 Mr. NELLIS. Don't you have a sister that is married to Vincent Mangine?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No.
 Mr. NELLIS. Not your sister?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No.
 The CHAIRMAN. Is it a relative?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No relation at all.
 Mr. NELLIS. What is your business?
 Mr. LAPOLLA. I object, now.
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I refuse to answer that.
 Mr. NELLIS. What business have you been in?
 The CHAIRMAN. Wait just a minute. Let's get this straight.
 Mr. NELLIS. I am sorry, Mr. Chairman.
 The CHAIRMAN. The question was: What is your business?
 Mr. LAPOLLA. We enter an objection, may it please the Senator.
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I refuse to answer.
 The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer. Do you refuse the direction of the Chair?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. It tends to incriminate myself.
 The CHAIRMAN. Let's get this straight.
 Mr. LICAVOLI. My records show what it was.
 The CHAIRMAN. Your records will show what?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. My records, my books.
 The CHAIRMAN. Will show what business you were in?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes.
 The CHAIRMAN. You want to testify about your records?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 The CHAIRMAN. Or these books?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No; I don't care to.
 The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Counselor, just exactly what is the objection?
 Mr. LAPOLLA. The objection is: May it please the Senator that the question is not pertinent to the cause before this committee and his answer may tend to incriminate him.
 The CHAIRMAN. Of what?
 Mr. LAPOLLA. Of a crime, of a crime that he may say he was involved in something else. At this time we do not care to answer to anything pertaining to what business you are in.
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Well, Senator, excuse me. I refuse to answer all questions.
 The CHAIRMAN. You refuse to answer all questions?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes.
 The CHAIRMAN. Any and all questions?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Any questions, all questions.
 Mr. LAPOLLA. Anything pertaining to his business.
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Business or not, I refuse to answer all questions.
 The CHAIRMAN. Anyway, answer the question, what business you were in.
 The chairman directs you to answer. You refuse to answer?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I refuse to answer.
 Mr. NELLIS. What is the Girard Novelty Co?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I refuse to answer that.
 The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to.
 Mr. LAPOLLA. Refuse to answer.
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I refuse to answer.
 Mr. NELLIS. Do you know Mike Farah?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I refuse to answer.
 The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer.
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. Isn't it a fact that you and Mike Farah and the Hanna brothers and John Peter Cupell are partners in the Girard Novelty Co.?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I refuse to answer.
 The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer.
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.
 The CHAIRMAN. You refuse to answer?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.
 The CHAIRMAN. Ask the question and state the place where it is alleged that the Girard Novelty Co. does business and what the alleged nature of the business is.
 Mr. NELLIS. Girard Novelty Co. is——
 The CHAIRMAN. Ask it in the form of a question.
 Mr. NELLIS. Is the Girard Novelty Co. located at 303 Robbins Avenue, Niles, Ohio?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I refuse to answer.
 The CHAIRMAN. Where?
 Mr. NELLIS. Niles, Ohio.
 The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer, Mr. Licavoli.
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.
 The CHAIRMAN. You refuse to answer?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes.
 The CHAIRMAN. Did you ever hear of Girard Novelty Co.?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I refuse to answer that.
 The CHAIRMAN. The chairman directs you to answer that question. What is the nature——
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I refuse.
 Mr. LAPOLLA. We object to it.
 The CHAIRMAN. Let me ask the question.
 Mr. LAPOLLA. I am sorry, sir.
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I refuse to answer.
 The CHAIRMAN. You don't know what the question is yet, Mr. Licavoli.
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Well, I don't have to answer that.
 The CHAIRMAN. You mean whatever question it is going to be you don't want to answer?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Pertaining to my business, I don't care to answer it.
 The CHAIRMAN. Well, I will ask the question, anyway. What is the nature of the business of the Girard Novelty Co.?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I refuse to answer.
 Mr. LAPOLLA. We object.
 The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer. You refuse?
 (Mr. Licavoli nodded head affirmatively.)
 The CHAIRMAN. Proceed, Mr. Nellis.
 Mr. NELLIS. What is the Triangle Novelty Co. at Warren?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I refuse to answer that, too.
 The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer.
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.
 The CHAIRMAN. Do you refuse?
 (Mr. Licavoli nodded head affirmatively.)
 The CHAIRMAN. Sir?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I do refuse.
 The CHAIRMAN. We have got to get it on the record.
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I refuse to answer.
 Mr. NELLIS. Did you ever hear of the Triangle Novelty?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I refuse to answer it.
 Mr. NELLIS. Did you know——
 The CHAIRMAN. Well, now, Mr. Counselor and Mr. Licavoli, can we have this agreement, that the usual procedure——

Mr. LICAVOLI. Senator, anything that pertains to the business I don't care to answer.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, I know, but wait. Let me ask this: The usual procedure is that a question is asked; you refuse to answer. Then it is the duty of the chairman to order or direct you to answer, and then it is the refusal to follow the directions of the chairman that is the basis for some kind of action. Can we have an understanding that unless the Chair withdraws the question or orders the question to be withdrawn, that if you refuse to answer, then it will be understood that the Chair will have ordered you to answer and that you refuse to follow the orders of the Chair?

Mr. LAPOLLA. The record may so stipulate.

The CHAIRMAN. You understand that, Mr. Licavoli; do you?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I don't understand it.

Mr. LAPOLLA. It means—

The CHAIRMAN. You don't understand it? Well, we had better—do you understand it, Mr. Counsel?

Mr. LAPOLLA. I understand that anything pertaining to your business, why, you don't care to answer it?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I don't care to answer it.

The CHAIRMAN. I am just trying to prevent going through the ceremony of ordering him to answer a question.

Mr. LAPOLLA. It will be denied, refused, Senator.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you understand?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. You say you do?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I do.

The CHAIRMAN. All right.

Mr. NELLIS. Do you know Vincent Doc Mangine?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I do.

Mr. NELLIS. Were you in a business with him in 1947?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No business. I worked for him.

Mr. NELLIS. What was his business at that time?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Tavern.

Mr. NELLIS. Pardon me?

Mr. LICAVOLI. A saloon he had.

Mr. NELLIS. A saloon. Was that a business in which Lonardo, Satullo, and Joe Artwell were partners?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.

Mr. NELLIS. What is the Wagon Wheel?

Mr. LICAVOLI. That's a saloon; it is a bar.

Mr. NELLIS. It is a saloon?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.

Mr. NELLIS. Going back to your parole from prison, do you recall when that was?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir, in 1945.

Mr. NELLIS. Where did you go after you were paroled?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I went to Vincent Mangine's home. I worked for him managing the restaurant downstairs, and the parole officer told me I can't work in no bar; so I worked for—I got in business for Alesco Storm Window Co. in 1946.

Mr. NELLIS. Alesco?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes.

Mr. NELLIS. Prior to going to live with Doc Mangine did you live with Jerry Milano?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.

Mr. NELLIS. On Dorothy Avenue?

Mr. LICAVOLI. On Dorothy Avenue.

Mr. NELLIS. What is his business?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I can't recall.

Mr. NELLIS. How long have you known him?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I know him for quite a while.

Mr. NELLIS. You know Anthony Milano?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I heard of him; yes, sir.

Mr. NELLIS. Have you met him?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.

Mr. NELLIS. Never met him?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I seen him. I know of him; say "Hello" to him. If it is important, grocery store he has got.

Mr. NELLIS. Then after you left Milano's home, you went to live with Doc Mangine; is that right?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.

Mr. NELLIS. Is this Forest Thompson in any way connected with Al Polizzi; do you know?

Mr. LICAVOLI. At that time, no.

Mr. NELLIS. Is he now?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I don't know.

Mr. NELLIS. Did you hear that he testified here yesterday that they were in business together?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I didn't pay no attention to it.

Mr. NELLIS. But you heard it; didn't you? You know that?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. All right. We know what the testimony was.

Mr. NELLIS. Did you also know that he testified that Mangine was in business with him there?

Mr. LAPOLLA. We object to that line of questioning, sir; not pertinent.

The CHAIRMAN. What did the witness say?

Mr. LAPOLLA. He didn't answer yet.

The CHAIRMAN. Read the question.

(Question read.)

The CHAIRMAN. Do you know it or not?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I don't know.

Mr. NELLIS. And that Thompson, Mangine, and Polizzi were engaged in the construction business?

Mr. LAPOLLA. I object to that question, Senator.

The CHAIRMAN. I think I will sustain the objection because we have got the record here, unless the witness knows something about it.

Mr. NELLIS. I am asking him whether he knows.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you know anything about it? Just answer whether you know anything about it.

Mr. LICAVOLI. I don't know. I didn't pay no attention to that.

Mr. NELLIS. Is this the same Forest Thompson who sponsored your parole in 1946?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Which one?

Mr. NELLIS. Who is connected with Al Polizzi.

Mr. LICAVOLI. I don't know if he is connected or not. I know there is a Thompson sponsored my parole.

Mr. NELLIS. Is he the same Forest Thompson?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I couldn't tell you. I don't know.

The CHAIRMAN. Let's get at the matter. Where was he living when he sponsored your parole?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Well, Nick Mangine is the one that sponsored my parole. Forest Thompson, I don't know the man.

The CHAIRMAN. You don't know him?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No; I don't know him.

The CHAIRMAN. Did he have anything to do with your parole, writing any letters for you?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I don't know if he did or not.

The CHAIRMAN. Offered to give you a job if you got out; was that part of it?

Mr. LICAVOLI. That's part of it. Somebody wrote, Nick Mangine was telling me, some contractor.

The CHAIRMAN. Take your hand away from your mouth. Some contractor was going to give you a job when you got out?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Is that correct?

Mr. LICAVOLI. That's right.

The CHAIRMAN. Was that Mr. Thompson, do you know?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I don't know if it is him. If I see him I would know.

Mr. HALLEY. May I try to clarify that for a moment?

When you were released from prison, you were paroled, is that right?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. In order to be paroled you had to have somebody sponsor you?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Sponsor, that's right.

Mr. HALLEY. And you talked to somebody about getting a sponsor?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Well, my lawyer did.

Mr. HALLEY. To whom did your lawyer talk?

Mr. LICAVOLI. He must have talked to Thompson and Father McBride.

Mr. HALLEY. He talked to Mangine, didn't he?

Mr. LICAVOLI. That's Nick Mangine. That's the lawyer.

Mr. HALLEY. Nick Mangine?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Is he related to—

Mr. LICAVOLI. That is a brother of Vincent Mangine.

Mr. HALLEY. He said he would get you a sponsor?

Mr. LICAVOLI. A sponsor; yes.

Mr. HALLEY. You had never seen Thompson in your life, is that right, up to this time?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Well, if I would see the picture, I would see him, I would know if I would or not.

Mr. HALLEY. Did you know Thompson when he sponsored you?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No, I didn't know Thompson when I was sponsored.

Mr. HALLEY. That's right. Then when you did get out of prison, did you go to work for Thompson?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. What did you do instead?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I worked for the Wagon Wheel. I talked to my parole officer and he said it was all right for me to go to work at the maintenance of the restaurant in the Wagon Wheel.

Mr. HALLEY. At the Wagon Wheel?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Who was your employer there?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I don't know the employer.

Mr. HALLEY. You don't know who gave you the job?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Oh, Mangine, Vincent Mangine.

Mr. HALLEY. Vincent Mangine gave you the job?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, that's right.

Mr. HALLEY. Then you went to live with Vincent Mangine as well?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. How long did you live with Vincent Mangine?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Until about 1949.

Mr. HALLEY. Until about 1949?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes.

Mr. HALLEY. Where did Mangine live?

Mr. LICAVOLI. He lived 83—2383 Kingston Road.

Mr. HALLEY. Did he ever go to Florida, do you know?

Mr. LICAVOLI. He went to Florida.

Mr. HALLEY. Did he have a business in Florida?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I don't know if he had or not.

Mr. HALLEY. Did you ever go to Florida?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. He never took you with him?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Never went.

Mr. HALLEY. Did you also go to work for Louis Lanese?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir; that's in the storm-window business.

Mr. HALLEY. What?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Storm-window business.

Mr. HALLEY. Storm-window business. How did you know Louis Lanese?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Through Doc—the lawyer, Nick Mangine.

Mr. HALLEY. Through Nick Mangine?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Had you met Louis Lanese previously?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you know Ray Lanese?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Ray Lanese; yes, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. He is related to Louis Lanese, isn't he?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No; no, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. No relation at all?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No relation at all.

Mr. HALLEY. Is Ray Lanese related to you?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. He runs the Italian Village Restaurant, doesn't he?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I knew him in Cleveland.

Mr. HALLEY. In Miami?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I don't know if he does or not. I know Ray through Cleveland.
 Mr. HALLEY. You knew him in Cleveland?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes.
 Mr. HALLEY. How did you meet Ray ~~there~~?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. He had a dry-cleaning place on Euclid.
 Mr. HALLEY. When was that?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Oh, I say in 1944 or 1943 or 1944.
 Mr. HALLEY. After you got out of prison did you ever get to meet Forrest Thompson at all?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I met him a few times.
 Mr. HALLEY. Where did you meet him?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Met him in the Wagon Wheel.
 Mr. HALLEY. Who introduced you to Lanese—I mean Mangine?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.
 Mr. HALLEY. Vincent Mangine?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes.
 Mr. HALLEY. No further questions.
 Mr. NELLIS. Have you ever been in any legitimate business?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Legitimate business outside of storm-window business.
 Mr. NELLIS. When were you in the stock-market business?
 The CHAIRMAN. Storm-window business.
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Storm windows.
 Mr. NELLIS. Storm-window business. Is that the only one?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. How have you earned your living?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. How did I earn my living?
 Mr. NELLIS. How did you earn your living? How long were you in that business with the Alesco Co.?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. One year.
 Mr. NELLIS. One year? What year was that?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. 1947.
 Mr. NELLIS. How have you earned your living since then?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Since when?
 Mr. NELLIS. Since 1947.
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I refuse to answer that question.
 Mr. NELLIS. How are you earning your living now?
 The CHAIRMAN. Do we understand—
 Mr. LAPOLLA. We have the understanding; that's right, Senator.
 The CHAIRMAN. He is directed to answer the question.
 Mr. LAPOLLA. That's right, Senator.
 Mr. NELLIS. How are you earning your living now?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I refuse to answer the question.
 Mr. NELLIS. Have you ever been in California?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. Arizona?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. Where did you go in Arizona?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Went to my cousin's ranch. I went to Pete's ranch, my cousin's ranch.
 Mr. NELLIS. Where is that?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. That's in Tucson.
 Mr. NELLIS. What kind of a place is it?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. It is a ranch.
 Mr. NELLIS. What does he do on it? Raise horses?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I don't know what he does. He don't raise no horses. He has got a few horses.
 Mr. NELLIS. Does he have a private landing field there—
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. For private aircraft?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I couldn't tell you that. I don't know.
 Mr. NELLIS. Have you ever been to Mexico?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. Do you know Jack Dragna?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. The Fischetti brothers?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. You know Joe DiCarlo, don't you?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes.
 Mr. NELLIS. How long have you known him?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Quite a while.
 Mr. NELLIS. How long?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I don't know, quite a while.
 Mr. NELLIS. Did you know him before he came to Youngstown?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes.
 Mr. NELLIS. What was his business in Buffalo?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I couldn't tell you.
 Mr. NELLIS. How did you know him before he came to Youngstown? Who introduced you to him?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I don't know how I met him. I can't recall.
 Mr. NELLIS. You remember where?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No.
 Mr. NELLIS. Did you go up to Youngstown?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. To Buffalo?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No.
 Mr. NELLIS. Did he meet you here in Cleveland?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I met him at the fights a few times.
 Mr. NELLIS. Where?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Fights.
 Mr. NELLIS. Where? What city?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Cleveland here.
 Mr. NELLIS. He came down here?
 (Mr. Licavoli nodded head affirmatively.)
 Mr. NELLIS. Did you ever discuss with him the possibilities of his moving out of Buffalo, N. Y.
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. Did you have anything to do with bringing him down to Cleveland?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. Did you have anything to do with setting him up in business in Youngstown?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. Did you ever hear what his business was there?
 (Mr. Licavoli shook head negatively.)
 Mr. NELLIS. Were you in business with him while he was in Youngstown?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. At any time?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. Has he given you any money since 1945?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. Never?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Never.
 Mr. NELLIS. Do you know Joe Massey?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. When did you meet him?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I know him from Detroit. Oh, it is quite a while ago. I don't know how long; a long time ago.
 Mr. NELLIS. A long time. Have you been up to Detroit to see him?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I have been to Detroit but not to see him, Joe Massey, to see my aunt and relations.
 Mr. NELLIS. Did you ever meet him in Toledo, Ohio?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. Never saw him there?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Never saw him.
 Mr. NELLIS. Do you know Joseph Profaci?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. Do you know Sam DiCarlo?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Sam DiCarlo?
 Mr. NELLIS. Yes.
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. Joseph DiCarlo's brother Sam.
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I don't know him.
 Mr. NELLIS. You don't know him?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Oh, you mean Toto? They call him—yes, sir; I know him.
 Mr. NELLIS. He is known as Toto?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Toto.

Mr. NELLIS. Which one is known as Toto?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Sam is. My mistake.

Mr. NELLIS. Where did you meet him?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I met him in Toledo.

Mr. NELLIS. How long ago?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Oh, quite a while ago.

Mr. NELLIS. Have you had any business dealings with him?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.

Mr. NELLIS. Of any sort?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.

Mr. NELLIS. Do you know Frank Cammarato?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.

Mr. NELLIS. How long have you known him?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Quite a while.

Mr. NELLIS. Who introduced you to him?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Who introduced me, I don't know. I can't remember who introduced him.

Mr. NELLIS. What is his business?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I couldn't tell you.

Mr. NELLIS. Do you know Rocco Russo?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.

Mr. NELLIS. Never met him?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No.

Mr. NELLIS. Do you know Frank Cammarata?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.

Mr. NELLIS. Is he a relation of yours?

Mr. LICAVOLI. He is a relation through marriage; yes, sir.

Mr. NELLIS. Have you ever been in business with him?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No.

Mr. NELLIS. Do you know Mike and Louie Carriere?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes.

Mr. NELLIS. Who are they?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I just know them. I don't know—

Mr. NELLIS. What is their business?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I couldn't tell you.

Mr. NELLIS. Have you ever been in business with them?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.

Mr. NELLIS. Were you ever a member of a gang called the Eagen's Rats in St. Louis?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.

Mr. NELLIS. You came from St. Louis, didn't you?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.

Mr. NELLIS. Did you ever hear of a gang called Eagen's Rats?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I did.

Mr. NELLIS. What was their business?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I couldn't tell you.

Mr. NELLIS. When did you come here from St. Louis? When did you come here from St. Louis?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Here from St. Louis?

Mr. NELLIS. When did you move?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I left St. Louis in 1926.

Mr. NELLIS. In 1926 you moved to Cleveland, is that right?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No; I didn't. To Detroit.

Mr. NELLIS. To Detroit?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes.

Mr. NELLIS. How long did you live there?

Mr. LICAVOLI. To 1929 in Detroit.

Mr. NELLIS. And you moved from Detroit to Cleveland, is that right?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Toledo.

Mr. NELLIS. Toledo. How long did you live there?

Mr. LICAVOLI. About 3 years, then went back to Detroit.

Mr. NELLIS. You went back to Detroit—

Mr. LICAVOLI. And—

Mr. NELLIS. Go ahead.

Mr. LICAVOLI. Then I come back to Cleveland. I come in Cleveland in '38.

Mr. NELLIS. And you have had a continuous residence in this city more or less since that time?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. And you have earned your living here, whatever it is, is that right?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. That's right.
 Mr. NELLIS. Do you know John Murabella?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. Who is he?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I just know him.
 Mr. NELLIS. Where is he from?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. He is out of the same town I am.
 Mr. NELLIS. Pardon me.
 Mr. LICAVOLI. He is out of St. Louis.
 Mr. NELLIS. Did you ever hear that he was arrested here in Cleveland in 1928?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I couldn't tell you that. I don't know.
 Mr. NELLIS. With a group of other gentlemen from other parts of the country?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. That is something I couldn't tell you. I don't know. As far as knowing him, I know him.
 Mr. NELLIS. Pardon me.
 Mr. LICAVOLI. As far as knowing him, I know him. I couldn't tell you if he was arrested or not.
 Mr. NELLIS. Have you ever had any business dealings with him?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. When was the last time you saw him?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Last time I saw him must have been about 14 years ago.
 Mr. NELLIS. You haven't seen him since then?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. Didn't you visit him in St. Louis recently?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. You were down there, weren't you?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir. I visited my people down there.
 Mr. NELLIS. Sometime in December?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No—December?
 Mr. NELLIS. 1950. Did you go down to St. Louis?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. My father passed away.
 Mr. NELLIS. You went to a funeral?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. Did you ever hear of the Purple Gang?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. Never heard of it?
 (Mr. Licavoli shook head negatively.)
 Mr. NELLIS. Did you ever read about it in the papers?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I read about it in the papers, but I never heard of it.
 Mr. NELLIS. You read about it in the papers but you never heard of it?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I read it, but I never heard—
 Mr. NELLIS. What is your answer?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Well, I heard it.
 Mr. NELLIS. You heard about it, didn't you?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. All right.
 Mr. NELLIS. Sure, you did. Who did you hear were members of that gang?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I can't tell you. I don't know.
 Mr. NELLIS. Did you ever discuss that with your cousin?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. Ever discuss it with Yonnie?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. Do you know Thomas J. McGinty?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 Mr. NELLIS. Morris Kleinman?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I know Morris.
 Mr. NELLIS. How well do you know him?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Not so good.
 Mr. NELLIS. When did you meet him?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I met him on a golf course.
 Mr. NELLIS. Who introduced you?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Nobody.
 Mr. NELLIS. You just walked up to him and said hello?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No. I met him, and just met him on the golf course.
 Mr. NELLIS. How do you meet these people?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I don't know how I meet them. I meet so many. I don't know.

Mr. NELLIS. When I meet someone I am either introduced or I walk up and tell them my name. How do you meet them?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I just happed to be playing golf and ran into him.

Mr. NELLIS. And you just introduced each other; is that right?

Mr. LICAVOLI. That's right.

Mr. NELLIS. Do you know Moe Dalitz?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.

Mr. NELLIS. Never met him?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.

Mr. NELLIS. Do you know Louis Rothkopf?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.

Mr. NELLIS. Where did you meet him?

Mr. LICAVOLI. In the fights I met him.

Mr. NELLIS. Did you ever have any business dealings?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No business dealings.

Mr. NELLIS. With any of these people?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.

Mr. NELLIS. Do you know Chuck Polizzi?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.

Mr. NELLIS. How long have you known him?

Mr. LICAVOLI. For quite a while.

Mr. NELLIS. Have you had any business dealings with him?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No dealings with him.

Mr. NELLIS. Of any sort?

(Mr. Licavoli shook head negatively.)

Mr. NELLIS. Did you ever go into any gambling ventures with him?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.

Mr. NELLIS. Have you ever been in gambling ventures with anyone else?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I refuse to answer that question.

Mr. NELLIS. You refuse to answer that question?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Anything else?

Mr. NELLIS. That is all I have.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Halley?

Mr. HALLEY. Were you ever wounded by a bullet?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Wounded by a bullet?

Mr. HALLEY. Yes.

(Mr. Licavoli shook head affirmatively.)

Mr. HALLEY. Were you ever shot?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes.

Mr. HALLEY. When and where?

Mr. LICAVOLI. That was in St. Louis.

Mr. HALLEY. In St. Louis?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes.

Mr. HALLEY. Who shot you?

Mr. LICAVOLI. A police officer.

Mr. HALLEY. A police officer?

(Mr. Licavoli shook head affirmatively.)

Mr. HALLEY. How did that happen?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I don't know. Just shot at us.

Mr. HALLEY. He shot at you?

Mr. LICAVOLI. He shot at us.

Mr. HALLEY. He shot at you. Did you shoot back at him?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Were you arrested on that occasion?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Did you go to the hospital?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes; I went to the hospital.

Mr. HALLEY. Were you ever wounded on any other occasions?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. How many times were you arrested in St. Louis?

Mr. LICAVOLI. St. Louis? I don't know. I couldn't—maybe a dozen times, maybe two dozen; I don't know.

Mr. HALLEY. Maybe two dozen?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes. I couldn't—

Mr. HALLEY. I have the record here from Detroit, Mr. Licavoli, and it shows that in Detroit you were arrested 22 times; not quite two dozen; would that be about right?

Mr. LICAVOLI. It might be. You got the figures. Figures don't lie.

Mr. HALLEY. Have you been arrested in Toledo?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. How many times?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I can't tell you. Maybe two or three times in Toledo.

Mr. HALLEY. Have you been arrested in Cleveland?

Mr. LICAVOLI. A couple of times.

Mr. HALLEY. And in Columbus, that is where you—

Mr. LICAVOLI. Done time, yes, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. For blackmail?

(Mr. Licavoli shook head affirmatively.)

Mr. HALLEY. In all these arrests you were convicted once in 1925 and fined \$100, is that right?

Mr. LICAVOLI. That's right.

Mr. HALLEY. And again you got a \$4 fine for a traffic violation, and that is the only traffic violation on these.

Mr. Licavoli, reading this Detroit record I see an arrest for robbery, another for robbery, another for robbery.

Mr. LICAVOLI. I mean when they lock you up, they are liable to put anything on there.

Mr. HALLEY. Were you ever arrested for kidnaping?

Mr. LICAVOLI. They put on kidnaping. They put everything on when you get marked up over there.

Mr. HALLEY. You have been arrested for murder, too?

Mr. LICAVOLI. That's right.

Mr. HALLEY. On more than one occasion, isn't that right?

Mr. LICAVOLI. That's right.

Mr. HALLEY. That's right, isn't it?

(Mr. Licavoli shook head affirmatively.)

Mr. HALLEY. And you have been arrested for violation of the customs law?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Were you sentenced to Leavenworth once for 1 to 3 months for violation of the prohibition law?

Mr. LICAVOLI. That's right.

Mr. HALLEY. Were you in the bootlegging racket?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I refuse to answer that question.

Mr. HALLEY. In any event, you went to Leavenworth in 1929 for violating the prohibition law?

Mr. LICAVOLI. That's right.

Mr. HALLEY. How well do you know Al Polizzi?

Mr. LICAVOLI. How well do I know him?

Mr. HALLEY. Yes, sir.

Mr. LICAVOLI. I just know him, that's all.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you know whether or not there was a deal made whereby Thompson would be put in the building business with Mangine and Polizzi as a reward for his going sponsor on your parole?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Thompson did go sponsor on your parole?

Mr. LICAVOLI. He did, but that ain't got nothing to do with Polizzi.

Mr. HALLEY. You say you don't know whether or not Thompson was in business with Polizzi?

Mr. LICAVOLI. That's right.

Mr. HALLEY. That is something we know.

Mr. LICAVOLI. Well, I don't know.

Mr. HALLEY. That is all.

The CHAIRMAN. What did you do when you went to Toledo? What did you do down in Toledo?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I don't know what I did down there. I can't remember.

The CHAIRMAN. Sir?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I can't remember what I did down there.

The CHAIRMAN. You were there 3 years?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. That is about when? When was that—well, you first were in St. Louis and you got in a good deal of trouble in St. Louis, didn't you?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I refuse to answer that.
 The CHAIRMAN. Sir?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I refuse to answer that.
 The CHAIRMAN. Well, you were arrested in St. Louis a number of times. Did you know a fellow named Eagen out there?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir. That is before my time. I was nothing but a kid then.
 The CHAIRMAN. And then from St. Louis you went to Detroit?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes.
 The CHAIRMAN. When did you leave Detroit to go to Toledo?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. About 1930 or 1931; I'm not sure.
 The CHAIRMAN. Then you stayed in Toledo until about 1934?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. 1933 or 1934 they brought me back to Detroit.
 The CHAIRMAN. Did you have anything to do with any night clubs in Toledo?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 The CHAIRMAN. Did you engage in any gambling activity in Toledo?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 The CHAIRMAN. What did you do down there?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Nothing.
 The CHAIRMAN. Nothing?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.
 The CHAIRMAN. Just there?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Just there.
 The CHAIRMAN. No business at all?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 The CHAIRMAN. Then from Toledo you came to Cleveland?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.
 The CHAIRMAN. How long did you stay in Cleveland?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Well, I went back to Detroit.
 The CHAIRMAN. You went to Detroit. When did you come then to Cleveland?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. In 1938.
 The CHAIRMAN. And you have been here ever since?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, ever since.
 The CHAIRMAN. Do you go to Florida sometimes?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 The CHAIRMAN. Never have been down there?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.
 The CHAIRMAN. Hot Springs?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Hot Springs, went there about two or three times, Hot Springs.
 The CHAIRMAN. Where do you stay in Hot Springs?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Well, I stayed over at the Pullman Hotel once.
 The CHAIRMAN. Do you have an automobile, Mr. Licavoli?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.
 The CHAIRMAN. What kind?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Pontiac.
 The CHAIRMAN. How many cars have you got?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. One.
 The CHAIRMAN. I am just interested, Mr. Licavoli—I don't know whether you want to talk about it or not—but you have had quite a record, and how do you get started on this? How did you get started?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I can't tell you.
 The CHAIRMAN. I am just interested from the viewpoint of whether it was lack of opportunity as a kid, or whether you grew up in the wrong neighborhood, or didn't get a chance.
 Mr. LICAVOLI. That is something I can't answer. I can't tell you what happened.
 Maybe it is the name, that's all.
 The CHAIRMAN. Well, I suppose—
 Mr. LICAVOLI. It could be the name. They hear Licavoli, that's all; something happens, Licavoli.
 The CHAIRMAN. What I mean is, of course, you started out with a very good name at the time you started.
 Did you go to school when you were a kid?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.
 The CHAIRMAN. How far along did you go?
 Mr. LICAVOLI. I went to about the fourth grade.
 The CHAIRMAN. Read and write pretty well?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Fair.

The CHAIRMAN. Then after you got pushed out of the fourth grade, what did you start doing?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Just nothing—went to work for a while for my father.

The CHAIRMAN. What did he do?

Mr. LICAVOLI. He had a fruit business.

The CHAIRMAN. He had a fruit business?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes. At the Union Market.

The CHAIRMAN. How long did you work for him?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I worked for him about 4 or 5 years.

The CHAIRMAN. Then did you meet some bad associates and get started in this game?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I don't know. I can't tell you what happened. I can't remember that far back.

The CHAIRMAN. I really think it is sort of a sad situation.

I think that these records have been referred to. They ought to be put in the record.

Mr. HALLEY. I would like them put in evidence, Mr. Chairman. I would like the following records put in evidence, first, the record relating to the parole of this witness on the sponsorship of Forest Thompson, and second, two sets of criminal records of this witness, and I ask that they be made exhibits not only to his testimony but also to the testimony of Al Polizzi.

Mr. LAPOLLA. Objection for the record.

The CHAIRMAN. They will be received and made part of the record.

Anything else?

Mr. NELLIS. You have a brother John?

Mr. LICAVOLI. That's right.

Mr. NELLIS. Is that right?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes.

Mr. NELLIS. He came from Detroit in 1947, didn't he?

Mr. LICAVOLI. That's right.

Mr. NELLIS. He came to Ohio, and went to work at the Jungle Inn, didn't he?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I don't know.

Mr. NELLIS. He went to work there as a bartender for the Farah brothers?

Mr. LICAVOLI. That is something I don't know.

Mr. NELLIS. Weren't you instrumental in putting him in there?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.

Mr. NELLIS. You were a business partner with the Farahs, weren't you?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I didn't say I was a business partner.

Mr. NELLIS. Were you?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No, sir.

Mr. NELLIS. You were not?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I refuse to answer that question.

Mr. NELLIS. How long did he work there?

Mr. LICAVOLI. I can't tell you that.

Mr. NELLIS. I have no other questions.

The CHAIRMAN. I believe you were born in Sicily and you came over here as a kid?

Mr. LICAVOLI. No. I am an American citizen.

The CHAIRMAN. You were born in this country?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. What are you, about 49 years old?

Mr. LICAVOLI. Forty-six.

The CHAIRMAN. Where were you born?

Mr. LICAVOLI. St. Louis in 1904.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Licavoli, you will have to remain under subpoena subject to further action of the committee. That is all.

Mr. LAPOLLA. Thank you, Senator

ANNEX II

The committee has received the following memorandum from its chief counsel, which sets forth the legal opinion of its staff with reference to the contempts committed by James Licavoli:

JANUARY 29, 1951.

MEMORANDUM TO SENATOR ESTES KEFAUVER, CHAIRMAN, RE CONTEMPT OF JAMES LICAVOLI (S. RES. 68)

I have examined the record of the testimony of James Licavoli in addition to hearing it at the time it was given, and it is my opinion, which has previously been conveyed to the committee, that the refusal by James Licavoli to answer questions was contemptuous of the United States Senate and its Special Committee To Investigate Organized Crime in Interstate Commerce.

As chief counsel of the committee, with the advice and concurrence of the committee's legal staff, I have advised the committee and now certify that the contempts complained of are, in my opinion, punishable as a matter of law. In those instances where the witness asserted a claim of privilege, it is my opinion that the claim was not made in good faith inasmuch as there was no reasonable relationship between the questions asked and a line of proof which might incriminate the witness under any Federal statute.

In certifying contempt proceedings, this committee and its counsel have carefully distinguished between refusals to answer based on an arbitrary or fanciful claim of privilege from refusals to answer questions where a claim of privilege might be raised with even a minimum possibility that the witness might be incriminated under any of the laws of the United States.

RUDOLPH HALLEY,
Chief Counsel.